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 TAGS: PTER, PGOV, PE
 SUBJECT: PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT BELAUNDE, SENATOR
 TRIBLE AND AMBASSADOR

1. C ENTIRE TEXT

2. DURING DISCUSSION JULY 20 WITH SENATOR TRIBLE AND
 AMBASSADOR PRESIDENT BELAUNDE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
 -- THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLANNING TO SEND THE ARMY INTO THE
 ALTA HUALLAGA "TO CLEAN IT UP." HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD
 TAKE A MONTH, AND THAT IT REQUIRED THE ARMY AS IT WAS "TOO
 BIG A JOB FOR THE POLICE."
 -- HE WAS PLANNING TO CREATE THE "ANDEAN GUARD" WHICH
 WAS TO BE LOCATED NEAR AYACUCHO CITY BUT IN A NEARBY
 FRIENDLY TOWN. THE ANDEAN GUARD WAS TO BE SIMILAR TO THE
 SINCHIS, BUT DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS IN THE SIERRA.
 THE NEW NAME HAD THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF REMOVING THE HEAVY
 BAGGAGE OF CONTROVERSSY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SINCHIS WHICH
 IT HAD PICKED UP OVER SEVERAL YEARS OF FIGHTING TERRORISTS.
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